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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Examiner

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references that are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action and before the mailing date of a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), (1), (2). This statement is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

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